Celebration of Life

Dolores Martha Ford

January 14, 1946 – June 8, 2019

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June 19, 2019 @ 11am
St. Mark Community Church
45 9th Street Vallejo, CA 94590

Rev. Charles A. Brown- Officiating

OBITUARY

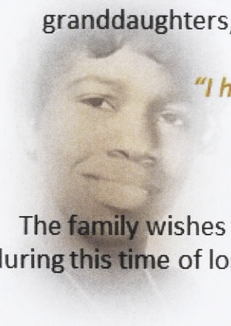
Born to Edward Hayes and Rosalie West on January 14, 1946, Dolores Martha Hayes entered this life in New Orleans, Louisiana where she grew up in the St. Bernard and Magnolia projects with her older brother Grover Brown (deceased) and older sister Mercedee Stevenson. In 1962, Dolores graduated from Booker T. Washington High School with a license in cosmetology. During this time, she met her lifelong love, Edward Dan Ford who preceded her in death two years ago. The two fell in love and began their marital love story on March 16, 1963.

Being a Navy man, Edward and his new bride immediately moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where they were stationed for five years. While her husband was at sea, Dolores returned to Louisiana to give birth to the couple's first born, Antoinette Dionne. Dolores grew into a very outgoing military wife and mother. While stationed in Groton Connecticut, the family size increased by one with the birth of Brian Keith. The family continued to travel throughout the United States until Edward's naval retirement in 1980.

The family took roots in Vallejo, California where Dolores graduated from Napa Valley College, worked as a teacher's aide and later a financial auditor at FDIC until she became ill with a brain tumor. Dolores was also a very active and long-time member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Dr. Carroll Broadfoot, Jr. and later Calvary Community Church under Pastor Hanson Rogers until 2015 when she and her husband relocated to Morrero, Louisiana.

The couple enjoyed their home state and spent much of their time enjoying life with their family there. The Fords reunited with Fifth African Baptist Church, under Pastor Dale Jay Sanders and fellowshipped there until Edward lost his fight to cancer on July 20, 2017 and Dolores relocated to Vacaville, California.

Immediately, Dolores joined St. Mark Community Church under Pastor Charles Brown, because she understood the importance of the church body. Many who knew her referred to her as a "Sweet Lady". On Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 10:00am, when God called her name, she vacated this life to live eternally with her Heavenly Father. Dolores leaves behind to mourn her passing: sister, Mercedee Stevenson; daughter, Antoinette (Andre) Smith; son, Brian (Kim) Ford; grandchildren, Donovan Smith, Robert Martin, III, Dominic Smith, Kayla (Frank) Mitchell, J'lyn Martin, Keiana Smith, Brian Ford, Jr., Brandon Ford, four great-granddaughters, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7 KVJ

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss. And a special thank you to Alta Vista Cremation & Funeral Home for taking such great care of the Smith/Ford family.

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Processional ~ Pastor Charles Brown & Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ~ Pastor Dr. Carroll Broadfoot, Jr.

New Testament ~ Pastor Hanson L. Rogers

Prayer ~ Elder Audwin Thomas

Selection (I'll Fly Away) ~ Antoinette Smith

Obituary ~ Kim Ford

St. Mark Resolution ~ St. Mark

Expressions...(2 minutes only please) ~ Family & Friends

Selection (Just A Closer Walk With Thee) ~ Sis. Cynthia Coutee

Eulogy ~ Minister Andre Smith

Selection (His Eye Is On The Sparrow) ~ Sis. Aisha Griffith

Final Viewing ~ Alta Vista Funeral Home

Recessional ~ Pastor Charles Brown and Family

Pallbearers

Demetrius Brown — *Quadus Drummond*
J'lyn Martin — *Dominic Smith*

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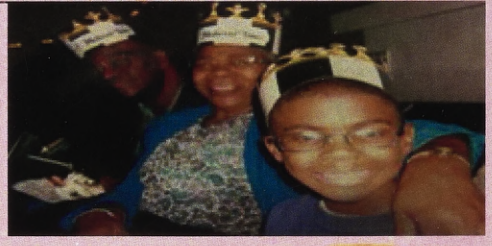
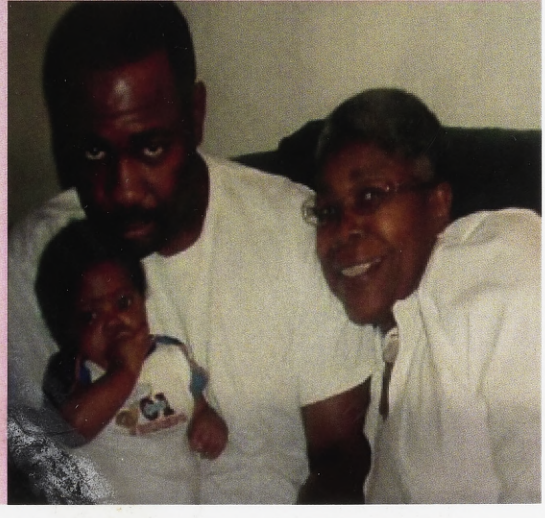

Family is forever